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SUBJECT: PLO REP QADDUMI VISIT TO FINLAND

REF: HELSINKI 0945 (NOTAL)

1. BEGIN UNCLASS: PLO DELEGATION LED BY FARUQ AL-QADDUMI (REFTEL) ALSO INCLUDED NEMER HAMAD, MEMBER OF PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL AND OF AL FATAH REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL; DAOUD KALOTI, PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN NORDIC COUNTRIES; AND NUHA ALAMI, SECRETARY AT PLO OFFICE IN STOCKHOLM DURING MAY 8-11 VISIT TO FINLAND

2. DURING HIS VISIT TO FINLAND QADDUMI HELD DISCUSSIONS ON  
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MIDDLE EAST QUESTION WITH MEMBERS OF SPONSORING POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS AND WITH SOCIETY OF FRIENDSHIP WITH ARAB PEOPLES. HE APPEARED EXTENSIVELY ON FINNISH TV AND RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PRESS COVERAGE DURING HIS VISIT. ON THE FINAL DAY OF HIS VISIT HE MET PRIVATELY WITH PRESIDENT URHO KEKKONEN.

3. IN REMARKS TO THE PRESS, QADDUMI SAID PLO HAS NOT OBSERVED AND CHANGE IN US POLICIES IN MIDDLE EAST, SAYING THAT AS LONG AS US CONTINUES ITS SUPPORT OF ISRAEL, IT INCREASES TENSION IN MIDDLE EAST. HE SAID HE EXPECTS LITTLE TO COME OF RECENT PRES CARTER TALKS WITH SADAT AND ASSAD. QADDUMI ASKED WHY US RAISING QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHEN IT SHOULD FOCUS ON LACK OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN OCCUPIED AREAS OF PALESTINE. HE REFERRED TO RECENT MEETING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA BETWEEN MEDZEL ABU SHARAR FROM PLO AND REP OF ISRAELI COMMUNIST PARTY; SAID MEETING TOOK PLACE AT PLO INITIATIVE AND THAT PLO INTENDS CONTINUE CONTACTS WITH ISRAELI OPPOSITION FORCES.

4. QADDUMI PRAISED SOVIET SUPPORT OF PLO AND NOTED THAT PLO ALSO HAS FRIENDS IN THE WEST, ESPECIALLY IN ITALY, FRANCE, BELGIUM AND SPAIN. HE SAID US, CANADA AND FRG HAVE NOT CHANGED THEIR NEGATIVE ATTITUDES AND THAT LABOR PARTY IN BRITAIN HAS DONE SO ONLY VERY GRADUALLY.

5. SPONSORING POLITICAL PARTIES AND PLO ISSUED COMMUNIQUE ON VISIT OF PLO DELEGATION. COMMUNIQUE NOTES DISCUSSIONS HELD AND EMPHASIZED NO LASTING SOLUTION TO MIDDLE EAST CRISIS CAN BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT RESTORATION OF NATIONAL RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND FORMING OF AN INDEPENDENT STATE OF PALESTINE.

6. COMMUNIQUE STATES SPONSORING PARTIES CONSIDER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PLO BE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THEY CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT FINLAND UPHOLD AND DEVELOP RELATIONS WITH PLO. THEY SUPPORT RIGHT OF PLO PARTICIPATE IN ALL SESSIONS OF UNO AND OTHER OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS IN ANY OTHER TALKS AND NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING GENEVA CONFERENCE CONCERNING MIDDLE EAST QUESTION AND ANY NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING PALESTINE OR ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT.

7. QADDUMI SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH POLITICAL PARTIES POSSIBILITY OF PLO OPENING INFORMATION OFFICE IN HELSINKI, BUT NOTHING DECIDED. NO MENTION MADE OF THIS IN COMMUNIQUE. END UNCLASSIFIED

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8. QADDUMI'S PRIVATE MEETING WITH KEKKONEN WAS NOT A LUNCH, AS EMBASSY HAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. QADDUMI HAD REQUESTED A MEETING WITH THEN FOREIGN MINISTER

KEIJO KORHONEN WHO, HOWEVER, MADE EXCUSES FOR NOT  
BEING ABLE TO SEE QADDUMI. MFA OFFERED RECEIVE HIM  
AT LEVEL OF ACTING DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS,  
(AMB PAUL JRYKANKALLIO), BUT QADDUMI DECLINED.  
THEREFORE, QADDUMI DID NOT HAVE OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH  
MFA DURING HIS VISIT. MFA THUS KEPT FAITH WITH NORDIC  
UNDERSTANDING NOT RECEIVE QADDUMI AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL.  
HOWEVER, QADDUMI MEETING WITH KEKKONEN, ARRANGED  
THROUGH AUSPICES OF SPONSORING POLITICAL PARTIES,  
OBVIOUSLY VITIATES MFA EFFORT KEEP TREATMENT OF PLO  
REP AT MIDDLE LEVEL. MFA EXPECTS PROMPT PROTEST FROM  
ISRAELI EMBASSY.  
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